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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A powder transfer mechanism laminates powder layers containing water-soluble powder as a main component one by one at a modeling portion. An inkjet line head injects a water-based ink that dissolves the powder in an area of an uppermost layer of the powder layers laminated by the powder transfer mechanism, the area corresponding to a cross-sectional shape of a modeled object. Then, a heater heats the powder for each layer of the powder layers. Further, the heater heats the powder after the water-based ink is injected by the inkjet line head or before the water-based ink is injected by the inkjet line head. The present invention can be applied to a modeling apparatus, for example.

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